

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted April 29 - May 2, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	34%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	16%

2. How would you describe the mood of the country?

We're all in it together	16%
It's everyone for themselves	66%
Not sure	19%

3. Four years from now do you think the United States will be more respected or less respected in the world than it is today?

More respected than today	29%
About the same as today	20%
Less respected than today	40%
Not sure	12%

4. Four years from now do you think the United States will be more or less safe from terrorism than it is today?

More safe from terrorism than today	26%
About the same as today	28%
Less safe from terrorism than today	32%
Not sure	14%

5. How optimistic or pessimistic are you that Republicans and Democrats in Congress can come together to solve the country’s problems?

Very optimistic	5%
Somewhat optimistic	18%
Somewhat pessimistic	28%
Very pessimistic	34%
Not sure	15%

6. Do you consider the countries listed below to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	10%	40%	26%	21%
China	6%	35%	26%	8%	24%
Mexico	15%	38%	22%	4%	20%
United Kingdom	56%	24%	3%	1%	16%
France	40%	35%	6%	1%	18%
Germany	37%	36%	6%	2%	20%
Italy	32%	43%	3%	1%	21%
Israel	40%	22%	8%	5%	24%
Egypt	7%	36%	18%	4%	35%
Iraq	4%	14%	33%	27%	22%
Iran	2%	5%	28%	43%	22%
Saudi Arabia	7%	29%	22%	13%	29%
North Korea	1%	4%	13%	66%	15%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	35%	29%	8%	8%	21%
Japan	38%	34%	6%	3%	19%
Canada	52%	31%	3%	1%	13%
Australia	45%	34%	3%	1%	17%
India	13%	48%	9%	2%	28%
Taiwan	15%	40%	7%	2%	34%
Palestine	4%	15%	29%	18%	34%
Syria	2%	5%	28%	40%	25%

7. Do you think *Donald Trump* considers these countries to be friends or enemies of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	9%	24%	26%	15%	25%
Mexico	6%	29%	28%	16%	21%
China	7%	34%	23%	11%	25%
Israel	36%	22%	9%	7%	26%
Australia	29%	36%	7%	3%	26%
Germany	22%	36%	11%	4%	27%
Syria	2%	5%	22%	45%	26%
North Korea	2%	4%	10%	65%	19%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	25%	30%	9%	10%	26%
Canada	31%	36%	8%	4%	21%

8. Do you favor or oppose the federal government negotiating more free trade agreements like NAFTA?

Strongly favor	13%
Somewhat favor	28%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	12%
Not sure	29%

9. Do you favor or oppose the United States withdrawing from NAFTA?

Strongly favor	13%
Somewhat favor	18%
Somewhat oppose	20%
Strongly oppose	19%
Not sure	29%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's threat to withdraw from NAFTA?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
No opinion	24%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to renegotiate NAFTA instead of withdrawing from the agreement?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	8%
No opinion	25%

12. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance	48%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance	28%
Not sure	24%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Xi Jinping?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	11%
Don't know	53%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to not label China a currency manipulator?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	8%
No opinion	41%

15. Do you favor or oppose cooperating with China in order to contain North Korea?

Favor strongly	33%
Favor somewhat	34%
Oppose somewhat	7%
Oppose strongly	5%
Not sure	22%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling China?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	12%
No opinion	31%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Kim Jong-un?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	60%
Don't know	23%

18. Do you support or oppose direct negotiations between the United States and North Korea in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	31%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	8%
No opinion	22%

19. Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against North Korea in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	19%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	21%
No opinion	21%

20. Even if it could lead to war with China do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against North Korea?

Asked of those who support taking military action against North Korea

Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	19%
Strongly oppose	8%
No opinion	11%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling North Korea?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	19%
No opinion	27%

22. Do you favor or oppose cutting tax rates for everyone?

Favor strongly	30%
Favor somewhat	28%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	13%
Not sure	15%

23. Do you favor or oppose cutting corporate tax rates?

Favor strongly	19%
Favor somewhat	19%
Oppose somewhat	18%
Oppose strongly	25%
Not sure	18%

24. Do you favor or oppose increasing taxes on families making over \$250,000 per year?

Favor strongly	30%
Favor somewhat	33%
Oppose somewhat	13%
Oppose strongly	10%
Not sure	14%

25. If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on reducing the budget deficit or cutting taxes?

Reducing the budget deficit	47%
Cutting taxes	31%
Not sure	22%

26. How concerned are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?

Very concerned	31%
Somewhat concerned	37%
Not very concerned	10%
Not at all concerned	5%
Not sure	15%

27. Would you support or oppose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution that requires Congress to balance its budget every year and requires a three-fifths majority of both the House and Senate to raise the federal debt limit?

Strongly support	24%
Somewhat support	24%
Neither support, nor oppose	18%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	22%

28. How much have you heard about President Trump’s new tax plan?

A lot	19%
A little	55%
Nothing at all	27%

29. From what you know about it, do you support or oppose President Trump’s new tax plan?

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	23%
No opinion	32%

30. From what you know about it, do you think you will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	19%
Pay about the same	32%
Pay less	20%
Not sure	30%

31. From what you know about it, do you think corporations will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	10%
Pay about the same	12%
Pay less	53%
Not sure	25%

32. From what you know about it, do you think the federal budget deficit will increase or decrease under the new tax plan?

Deficit will increase	36%
Deficit will remain about the same	19%
Deficit will decrease	14%
Not sure	30%

33. From what you know about it, do you think Donald Trump will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	8%
Pay about the same	18%
Pay less	45%
Not sure	28%

34. Regardless of how you feel about President Trump, do you think that he should release his tax returns?

Yes	54%
No	29%
Not sure	17%

35. How concerned are you about the potential for conflicts of interest for Donald Trump?

Very concerned	33%
Somewhat concerned	17%
Not very concerned	14%
Not concerned at all	20%
Not sure	15%

36. Donald Trump has been President for 100 days. Has he performed better or worse than you expected when he became President?

Much better than I expected	15%
A little better than I expected	16%
About the same as I expected	38%
A little worse than I expected	10%
A lot worse than I expected	21%

37. Overall, what grade would you give Donald Trump for the first 100 days of his presidency?

A	17%
B	22%
C	18%
D	13%
F	30%

38. Overall, what grade would you give the men listed below for the first 100 days of their presidencies?

	A	B	C	D	F
Barack Obama	19%	29%	21%	10%	21%
George W. Bush	8%	29%	41%	13%	8%
Ronald Reagan	26%	34%	26%	9%	5%
Franklin Roosevelt	28%	37%	25%	6%	4%

39. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Steve Bannon	6%	13%	9%	30%	41%
Kellyanne Conway	13%	14%	11%	30%	32%
Steven Mnuchin	8%	12%	12%	19%	50%
Rex Tillerson	15%	14%	12%	18%	41%
Ivanka Trump	21%	22%	17%	25%	16%
Jared Kushner	9%	16%	13%	21%	41%
Sean Spicer	9%	16%	13%	27%	35%

40. Would you say Ivanka Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	32%

41. Do you think Ivanka Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	35%
Not honest and trustworthy	36%
Not sure	29%

42. How much do you think Ivanka Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	15%
Some	22%
Not much	19%
Doesn't care at all	30%
Not sure	14%

43. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate that Ivanka Trump is playing a significant role in the White House?

Appropriate	32%
Inappropriate	44%
Not sure	25%

44. Do you consider Ivanka Trump to be a champion of female empowerment, or not?

Yes, she is	29%
No, she is not	42%
Not sure	28%

45. Ivanka Trump described her father as "a tremendous champion of supporting families and enabling them to thrive". Do you agree or disagree with Ivanka Trump's description of President Trump?

Strongly agree	19%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	35%
No opinion	18%

46. Do you think Donald Trump has maintained consistent policy positions or has he made significant changes to his policy plans?

Maintained consistent policy positions	26%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	46%
Not sure	28%

47. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual	7%
About the same	30%
Less than usual	37%
Not sure	26%

48. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	15%
Republicans in Congress	39%
Both equally	41%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%

49. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate	38%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	3%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	7%

50. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	24%	3%	2%
Immigration	47%	34%	14%	5%
The environment	49%	34%	13%	5%
Terrorism	64%	24%	9%	4%
Gay rights	22%	24%	23%	30%
Education	61%	29%	7%	3%
Health care	74%	20%	3%	3%
Social security	69%	22%	6%	2%
The budget deficit	44%	39%	14%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	42%	19%	7%
Taxes	55%	36%	7%	2%
Medicare	65%	25%	6%	3%
Abortion	35%	30%	19%	16%
Foreign policy	45%	40%	11%	4%
Gun control	43%	29%	17%	11%
International trade and globalization	34%	47%	13%	6%
Use of military force	46%	39%	12%	4%

51. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The economy	14%
Immigration	7%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	12%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	18%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	3%

52. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	26%	18%	9%	40%	7%
Mike Pence	24%	17%	12%	29%	17%
Paul Ryan	8%	22%	20%	30%	20%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	17%	28%	32%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	19%	14%	37%	23%
Chuck Schumer	6%	18%	12%	27%	36%

53. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	12%	26%	21%	30%	12%
The Republican Party	11%	23%	21%	34%	11%

54. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	23%

55. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	38%
About right	22%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	25%

56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	11%

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Abortion	14%	16%	10%	28%	32%
The budget deficit	15%	20%	14%	25%	26%
Civil rights	16%	19%	10%	28%	28%
The economy	21%	22%	13%	26%	19%
Education	15%	20%	10%	29%	25%
The environment	16%	18%	10%	35%	21%
Foreign policy	19%	22%	12%	27%	19%
Gay rights	11%	15%	11%	26%	38%
Gun control	23%	17%	10%	25%	25%
Health care	17%	21%	13%	33%	16%
Immigration	28%	16%	11%	33%	12%
Medicare	15%	19%	13%	25%	27%
Social security	14%	19%	11%	24%	31%
Taxes	20%	18%	13%	29%	19%
Terrorism	25%	20%	11%	24%	20%
Veterans	24%	20%	11%	20%	25%
Women's rights	18%	18%	8%	31%	25%

58. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	17%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	30%

59. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	37%
Not sure	15%

60. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	22%
Dislike	44%
Not sure	14%

61. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	20%
Some	19%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	38%
Not sure	10%

62. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	31%

63. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	33%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	18%

64. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has the qualifications to be president?

Qualified to be president	37%
Not qualified to be president	50%
Not sure	13%

65. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has enough experience to be president?

Has enough experience	34%
Does not have enough experience	54%
Not sure	12%

66. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	32%
No	52%
Not sure	16%

67. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get us into a war?

Very likely	28%
Fairly likely	30%
Fairly unlikely	16%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	18%

68. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?

Appropriate	24%
Inappropriate	56%
Not sure	20%

69. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Donald Trump as President?

Optimistic	37%
Pessimistic	43%
Not sure	20%

70. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	16%

71. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	11%	21%	21%	32%	15%
Republicans in Congress	6%	20%	23%	35%	15%

72. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	26%

73. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	33%

74. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	37%

75. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	29%

76. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	24%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	26%
Not sure	14%

77. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	29%
About the same	25%
Lower	19%
Not sure	28%

78. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	52%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	8%

79. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	30%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	19%

80. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	60%

81. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	11%

82. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	26%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	4%

83. Some people seem to follow what’s going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there’s an election going on or not. Others aren’t that interested. Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs ... ?

Most of the time	43%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	8%
Don’t know	6%

84. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Liberal	25%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	13%

85. Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	11%
Not sure	13%

86. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	72%
Not registered	28%

87. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday 8 November 2016?

Yes	56%
No	44%

88. Who did you vote for in the election for President?

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	25%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	46%

89. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	32%
Republican	27%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	10%

90. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	6%

91. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

92. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	21%

93. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	39%
Some college	33%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

94. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	1%
Divorced	14%
Widowed	6%
Single	34%
Domestic partnership	4%

95. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	26%
No	74%

96. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	21%
Midwest	21%
South	37%
West	21%

97. How would you describe the place where you live?

City	32%
Suburb	33%
Town	14%
Rural area	20%
Other	1%

98. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	37%
Part-time employed	12%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	9%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	11%
Homemaker	6%
Other	1%

99. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family’s annual income?

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	12%

100. We’d like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

I am	2%
Family member	7%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	37%
None	49%

101. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	6%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	87%

102. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	20%

103. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	21%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%

104. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	32%
No	68%

105. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	17%
Never	18%
Don't know	3%

106. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	35%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	5%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 29 - May 2, 2017
Target population	US Adult Population
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.2 to 5.8, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.68.
Number of respondents	1500 1255 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.